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Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending December 31st, 1943.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1943.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry, it has been curtailed considerably, but to ensure continuity, the essential statistics are presented as in previous Reports.

The Vital Statistics show a Crude Death Rate of 13.2 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 11.3 for 1942. The Live Birth Rate was 13.2 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 16.7 for 1942. There were no Still-births. The Infantile Mortality Rate was 27 per 1000 live births.

No serious outbreak of Infectious Diseases has occurred.

Housing and Overcrowding are dealt with in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

There has been no change in the Industrial Circumstances of your District since my last report.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District in Acres - - -	665
Number of Persons per acre - - -	4.2
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population, middle of 1943) - - -	2796
Number of inhabited houses - - -	852
Average number of persons per house - -	3.28
Rateable Value - - - -	£19,075
Sum represented by a Penny Rate - -	£75

VITAL STATISTICS.

Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.

			M.	F.	Birth Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.
Live Births	Legitimate	Total 37 :	22	15	13.2
	Illegitimate	Nil.	Nil.		

Still-Births, Legitimate, Total Nil ; Rate per 1000
Total (live and still-births) - - - Nil.

Birth Rate, England & Wales, 1943 - - 16.5

Deaths - 37—Males, 18 ; Females, 19 ;
Crude Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population - - - 13.2

Death Rate, England & Wales, 1943 - - 12.1

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal causes Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age - - 1

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :
All Infants per 1000 live births - - 27
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births 27
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—
England & Wales - - 49 per 1000

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - - - 5
Death Rate from Cancer per 1000 of the population 1.8

Deaths from Measles (all ages) - - Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) - - Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) - Nil.

Ages at which deaths occurred (37).

Under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 and over
1	Nil	1	1	4	11	19

7 of these deaths occurred at ages from 70 to 80 years, and 5 over 80 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Return).

DISEASES.	1942		1943	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers -	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever - -	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever - - -	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough - - -	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria - - -	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System -	-	-	-	1
Other Forms of Tuberculous - -	-	-	1	-
Syphilis - - -	-	-	-	-
Influenza - - -	-	-	-	-
Measles - - -	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	-
Acute Infectious Encephalitis - -	-	-	-	-
Cancer - - - -	3	7	4	1
Diabetes - - -	-	-	-	-
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions -	-	3	1	4
Heart Disease - - -	2	2	3	4
Other Diseases of Circulatory System -	3	1	1	1
Bronchitis - - -	-	1	3	2
Pneumonia - - -	-	-	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases - -	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum -	-	-	-	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) -	-	1	-	-
Appendicitis - - -	-	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases - -	1	-	-	1
Nephritis - - -	-	2	-	-
Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis -	-	-	-	-
Other Maternal Causes - -	-	-	-	-
Premature Birth - - -	-	-	-	1
Congenital, Malformations and Birth Injuries - - -	-	1	-	1
Suicide - - - -	-	1	-	-
Road Traffic Accidents - -	-	-	2	-
Other Violent Causes - -	-	-	-	-
All other Causes - - -	3	1	3	3
TOTALS - -	12	20	18	19
	32		37	

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

As 1938

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

As 1938

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

ii (a) Laboratory Facilities :

All Clinical Material sent to the County Bacteriologist.

Bacteriological Examinations :

Number of Specimens sent for Report - 8

	Total.	Positive.	Negative.
Diphtheria (Swabs)	4	1	3
Sputum	4	2	2

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. As 1942.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. As 1938.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES & CLINICS. As 1938.

HOSPITALS.

PUBLIC. As 1942.

VOLUNTARY.

As 1938.

MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES. As 1938.

TUBERCULOSIS. As 1938.

(i) MIDWIFERY & MATERNITY SERVICES.
As 1938.

(ii) UNMARRIED MOTHERS, HOMELESS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN. As 1938.

(iii) HEALTH VISITORS & ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.
As 1938.

REGISTRATION OF MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.
As 1938.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. As 1938.

   (ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. As 1938.

2. RIVERS & STREAMS. As 1938.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

   (ii) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

   The particulars will be found in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

   (iii) Swimming Baths and Pools. As 1938.

4. SCHOOLS. One Junior School—recently transferred to the County Council.

5. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD. As 1938.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1943.

1. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers - - 3

2. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

(A)—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs - Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :—

(*a*) By Owners - - - Nil.

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil.

(B).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made - - Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders - - Nil.

(C).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made - - - - 1

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit - - - - Nil.

4. *Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding :—*

(*a*)	(1)	Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year (1943) - - -	Nil.
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein -	Nil.
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein -	Nil.
(*b*)		Number of New Cases of Overcrowding reported during the year - - -	1
(*c*)	(1)	Number of Cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year - - -	1
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases -	Nil.
(*d*)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding - -	Nil.

HOUSING CONDITIONS AND OVERCROWDING

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

SECTION E.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(*a*) Milk Supply ;

(*b*) Meat and other foods

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

(*c*), (*d*) Adulteration, etc. Food & Drugs Acts, etc.—are administered by the County Council.

(*e*) Nutrition : No action has been taken.

(*f*) Shell Fish : Little, if any, sold in the District.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(2) NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1943.

DISEASE.	Total No. of Cases.	AGES. under 1 year	1 to 2 yrs.	2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	over 65 yrs.	Cases sent to Isolat'n Hospital.	Deaths
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	26	-	-	-	-	3	18	3	-	2	-	-	-	10	-
Whooping-cough ...	5	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	3	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	6	1	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	42	1	3	-	2	5	22	4	1	3	-	-	1	13	-

The above includes persons from outside districts whilst patients in the Corbett Hospital, viz. :—
Scarlet Fever, 2 ; Measles, 1.

5. (a) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. As 1938.

(b) **TUBERCULOSIS, 1943.**

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 10 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 15 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 20 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
25 to 35 ,,	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 to 55 ,,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 65 ,,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	-

Arrangements have been made with the County Education Authorities for immunisation of Children against Diphtheria. The School Doctor treats the children and the Council provide the Prophylactic. 93 Children were "immunised"—37 being of school age and 56 under 5 years.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. SIMPKISS,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1944.

Amblecote Urban District Council.

Annual Report

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector

For the Year 1943.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit an abbreviated report for the Year 1943 as follows :—

Sanitary Accommodation.

Houses provided with Water Closets	-	836	854
Houses provided with Pan Closets	-	5	
Houses provided with Privies	-	13	

Houses provided with separate Water Closets	713
Houses provided with Water Closets in common	123

Scavenging and Household Refuse.

Refuse Removal is carried out by Direct Labour. Tipping is efficiently controlled. Salvage is collected and disposed of. This service is not compulsory.

Housing.

The number of Houses is the same as 1940. No Houses have been built either by Private Enterprise or the Local Authority nor are any in course of erection.

Housing Conditions.

The houses in your District may be classified as follows :—

Houses with one Bedroom - -	1	854
Houses with two Bedrooms - -	325	
Houses with three Bedrooms - -	441	
Houses with more than three Bedrooms	87	

The following Houses have been rendered fit for human habitation :—Informal Action—No. 93, Collis Street and Nos. 6 & 7, Vicarage Road.

Statutory Action is being taken in respect of No. 6, King William Street, which has been reported as "Unfit" for human habitation.

Overcrowding—One case has been dealt with. The Occupier was summoned for permitting. An order giving possession of the House was obtained. The number of persons concerned was nine.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Etc.

No action necessary.

Water Supply.

All premises receive a continuous and pure supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes from the Stourbridge and District Water Board. The principal Bore Holes (at Wollaston Road and Mill Meadow) are situated in your District. The Engineer and Manager to the Board has samples of the Water taken at frequent intervals and supplies Copies of the Analyses.

Milk, Dairies and Cowsheds.

The following Amblecote suppliers are registered :—Producer Retailers, 2 ; Retail Purveyors, 2.

Milk—Special Designations Order : 2 Licences issued to sell "Pasteurised Milk" and 1 for "Tuberculin Tested Milk." They are "Secondary" Licences.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

No Slaughter-house is used in this District. Notices were given in respect of 3 Pigs killed on private premises.

Precautions Against Infectious Diseases.

Houses (or Rooms) Disinfected - -		13
Patients removed to Isolation Hospital :—		
Diphtheria - - -	3	14
Scarlet Fever - - -	11	

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HAROLD PIPER,

Sanitary Inspector.

August, 1944.